



## Indiana Department of Revenue

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## Electronic Tax Filing Showing Great Gains In Indiana

The Indiana Department of Revenue strongly urges Hoosier taxpayers to file electronically this tax season in order to guarantee the quickest possible refund. According to State Revenue Commissioner Kenneth L. Miller, "electronically-filed returns, coupled with direct deposit, can put money back into taxpayer's hands within days instead of weeks."

Last year, approximately 45 percent of all individual income tax returns received by the department were filed electronically or through the use of paper returns with two-dimensional barcodes. Already in 2002, electronic filing is up approximately 23 percent over the same time period last year.

An Indiana county-by-county electronic filing analysis of last year's state returns shows the following:

- Fayette County had the highest percentage in the state with 62% of its returns being filed electronically, while adjacent Union County had the least with 29.9%.
- Six counties had the highest percentages (over 60%): Fayette, 62%; Gibson, 61.1%; Adams, 60.6%; Crawford, 60.5%; Owen, 60.5%; and Spencer, 60.2%.
- Nine counties had the lowest percentages (less than 40%): Union, 29.9%; Benton, 35.1%; LaGrange, 35.8%; Starke, 36.1%; Jackson, 36.2%; Fulton, 36.3%; Kosciusko, 39.5%; Grant 39.6%; and Wabash, 39.7%.
- Southwestern Indiana appears to be the geographical area of the state with the highest percentage of electronic returns.
- A majority of the counties that have less than 40% electronically filed returns appear to be clustered in North Central Indiana.

"Both the state and the taxpayer are better served by electronic filing, due to its efficiency, accuracy and speed," Miller said. "This includes two-dimensional barcodes, since they bridge the gap between traditional paper and electronic filing."

In addition to two-dimensional barcodes, the Department also offers I-File, a method of filing state tax returns over the Internet; on-line filing, a joint electronic filing program with the Internal Revenue Service; and, TeleFile, another joint federal/state tax program.

Hoosier taxpayers can receive further information by visiting the department's web site at <http://www.in.gov/dor> or from their local tax preparer.

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Filing Statistics: Calendar Year 2001

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County Returns	Total Returns	Paper Returns	Electronic	Percent Filed Electronically
ADAMS	14,149	5,573	8,576	60.6%
ALLEN	156,325	85,842	70,483	45.1%
BARTHOLOMEW	33,687	17,938	15,749	46.8%
BENTON	4,442	2,885	1,557	35.1%
BLACKFORD	6,473	2,949	3,524	54.4%
BOONE	21,402	12,521	8,881	41.5%
BROWN	7,146	4,091	3,055	42.8%
CARROLL	9,444	4,411	5,033	53.3%
CASS	18,913	9,534	9,379	49.6%
CLARK	45,936	24,487	21,449	46.7%
CLAY	12,080	5,298	6,782	56.1%
CLINTON	15,207	7,651	7,556	49.7%
CRAWFORD	4,607	1,818	2,789	60.5%
DAVISS	12,763	5,780	6,983	54.7%
DEKALB	21,381	12,174	9,207	43.1%
DEARBORN	12,250	5,721	6,529	53.3%
DECATUR	18,958	9,729	9,229	48.7%
DELAWARE	52,182	26,666	25,516	48.9%
DUBOIS	19,873	9,313	10,560	53.1%
ELKHART	81,917	45,277	36,640	44.7%
FAYETTE	11,824	4,488	7,336	62.0%
FLOYD	33,491	18,787	14,704	43.9%
FOUNTAIN	8,388	4,866	3,522	42.0%
FRANKLIN	9,982	5,011	4,971	49.8%
FULTON	9,805	6,250	3,555	36.3%
GIBSON	15,277	5,942	9,335	61.1%
GRANT	32,816	19,810	13,006	39.6%
GREENE	14,580	7,381	7,199	49.4%
HAMILTON	81,294	46,109	35,185	43.3%
HANCOCK	26,146	13,383	12,763	48.8%
HARRISON	16,227	6,590	9,637	59.4%
HENDRICKS	46,174	26,599	19,575	42.4%
HENRY	22,723	10,924	11,799	51.9%
HOWARD	41,326	20,964	20,362	49.3%
HUNTINGTON	18,046	9,912	8,134	45.1%
JACKSON	19,482	12,434	7,048	36.2%
JASPER	13,560	7,019	6,541	48.2%
JAY	9,942	3,987	5,955	59.9%
JEFFERSON	14,474	6,363	8,111	56.0%
JENNINGS	12,558	5,075	7,483	59.6%
JOHNSON	52,115	27,576	24,539	47.1%
KNOX	17,231	8,618	8,613	50.0%
KOSCIUSKO	35,110	21,232	13,878	39.5%
LAGRANGE	14,648	9,403	5,245	35.8%
LAKE	213,979	116,646	97,333	45.5%
LAPORTE	49,515	27,071	22,444	45.3%
LAWRENCE	20,888	9,318	11,570	55.4%

<b>County Returns</b>	<b>Total Returns</b>	<b>Paper Returns</b>	<b>Electronic</b>	<b>Percent Filed Electronically</b>
MADISON	61,506	30,380	31,126	50.6%
MARION	401,218	198,340	202,878	50.6%
MARSHALL	20,829	11,343	9,486	45.5%
MARTIN	4,892	2,446	2,446	50.0%
MIAMI	16,428	9,339	7,089	43.1%
MONROE	50,517	29,099	21,418	42.4%
MONTGOMERY	17,247	9,770	7,477	43.4%
MORGAN	29,713	15,702	14,011	47.2%
NEWTON	6,408	2,879	3,529	55.1%
NOBLE	21,072	11,992	9,080	43.1%
OHIO	2,665	1,204	1,461	54.8%
ORANGE	8,489	4,715	3,774	44.5%
OWEN	9,168	3,617	5,551	60.5%
PARKE	7,060	3,627	3,433	48.6%
PERRY	8,828	3,666	5,162	58.5%
PIKE	6,080	3,438	2,642	43.5%
PORTER	67,994	38,844	29,150	42.9%
POSEY	12,576	6,036	6,540	52.0%
PULASKI	6,048	3,263	2,785	46.0%
PUTNAM	14,915	8,183	6,732	45.1%
RANDOLPH	12,388	6,154	6,234	50.3%
RIPLEY	12,567	6,697	5,870	46.7%
RUSH	8,477	4,222	4,255	50.2%
ST. JOSEPH	119,960	67,054	52,906	44.1%
SCOTT	10,352	5,340	5,012	48.4%
SHELBY	20,164	9,064	11,100	55.0%
SPENCER	9,554	3,803	5,751	60.2%
STARKE	10,131	6,475	3,656	36.1%
STEUBEN	15,767	7,909	7,858	49.8%
SULLIVAN	9,025	4,838	4,187	46.4%
SWITZERLAND	3,789	1,969	1,820	48.0%
TIPPECANOE	62,992	33,591	29,401	46.7%
TIPTON	7,975	4,132	3,843	48.2%
UNION	3,246	2,275	971	29.9%
VANDERBURGH	81,630	36,667	44,963	55.1%
VERMILLION	7,608	4,076	3,532	46.4%
VIGO	47,462	25,359	22,103	46.6%
WABASH	16,269	9,817	6,452	39.7%
WARREN	3,873	2,010	1,863	48.1%
WARRICK	24,418	10,952	13,466	55.1%
WASHINGTON	11,784	5,458	6,326	53.7%
WAYNE	32,787	17,015	15,772	48.1%
WELLS	13,146	7,553	5,593	42.5%
WHITE	12,239	5,736	6,503	53.1%
WHITLEY	14,735	8,114	6,621	44.9%